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# PETITIONS

Of the

**Knights, Gentlemen, Freeholders,  
and Subsidy men of the best ranke and quali-  
ty, in the County of OXFORD.**

The one

**To the Right honourable House of Peeres,**

The other,

**To the Honourable, the Knights, Citizens and  
Burgeffes of the House of Commons, assembled  
in PARLIAMENT.**

**Delivered and read in both Houses, Feb.**

**10. 1641.**



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Of the  
Knights, Gentlemen, Freemen,  
and Burgesses of the City and County of LONDON.

To the Honourable the Commons  
in PARLIAMENT.

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To the Right

# HONOURABLE THE LORDS

Assembled in Parliament,

The humble Petition of the Knights, Gen-  
tlemen, Free-holders, and Subsidy-men, of  
the best ranke and quality, in the Countrey of  
OXFORD.

*sheweth,*

**T**Hat your Petitioners have for diuers  
yeares, groaned under most heavy pressures  
and grievances, both in our Religion and  
civill rights and liberties, which were growne to  
such height, that they became insupportable, and  
yet no hopes of redresse appeared to eye of man;  
till it pleased Almighty God of his infinite good-  
nesse to stir up the Kings Majesty, to call this pre-  
sent Parliament, whereby our dying hopes were  
rayled, to a very great and confident expectation  
of a full and perfect Reformation. But they  
were soone abated, to our exceeding great discour-

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ragement, by the lets and hinderances which are largely expressed in the late Remonstrance of the State of the Kingdome, set forth by the honourable House of Commons, arising from the endeavours of a malignant Party within the Kingdome. And (as we humbly conceive) from the Popish Lords and Bishops, Voting in the House of Peers. Nevertheless we now cannot but entertain new hopes of comfort, and of the happy proceedings and successe of this Parliament, beholding with unspeakable joy, your late concurrence with that honourable House of Commons, especially in taking away the votes of Prelates, and setting this Kingdome into a Posture of defence, which wee doe with all possible thankfulnesse acknowledge.

Humbly beseeching your Lordships, that you would keepe up our hopes by proceeding in your happy concurrence with the House of Commons, to a perfect Reformation; and particularly in vindicating the priviledges of the Parliament, discovering, punishing, and removing evill Councellors and Magistrates, taking away from the Popish Lords their Votes in Parliament, utterly abolishing that Kingdome, destroying the sin of Idolatry, together with Superstition and Arminianisme, so much practised and countenanced in our Universities, passing the Bill against Pluralities, and joyning in that order of the House of Commons, for the demolishing of Altars, and scandalous Pictures. And your Petitioners shall have cause to looke upon your Lordships with as high esteeme as did our fore-Fathers, upon your most

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noble Progenitors. And also, with our best endeavours, will maintain you in your happy concurrence with the said House of Commons, in your Persons, Honours, and Dignities.

And your Petitioners shall ever pray, &c.

Citizens, and Burgesses of the House of

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The Humble Petition of the Gentlemen, Freeholders, Knights, and others of good name, of the County of

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To

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,  
 J. W.

And that you wonder Almighty God, and  
the Kings most excellent Majesty, how called to  
the place of our chiefest hopes, giving all our  
prayers



To the **Right Honourable**, the **Knights**,  
Citizens, and Burgesſes of the Houſe of  
**COMMONS.**

*The Humble Petition of the Gentlemen, Free-  
holders, Subſidy-Men, and others of goodranke,  
Inhabitants of the County of*  
**OXFORD.**

*Sheweth,*

**O**ur moſt humble and thankfull acknowledge-  
ment of your exceeding great care and pains  
taken, during this Parliament, to the hazarding of  
your healths, and lives, in the endeavouring a re-  
movall of the many grievances in Church and  
Common-Wealth, as alſo the continued care and  
unwearyed endeavours for a perfect Reformation :  
the Remonſtrance whereof, as we cannot conſider  
without unſpeakable joy, it putting life into our  
Languiſhing ſoules, ſo we deſire it may be remem-  
bred with high eſteem by us, and our poſterity for  
ever.

And for that you are under Almighty God, and  
the Kings moſt excellent Majeſtie, now called to  
the place of our chiefeſt hopes, againſt all our  
evils,

evills, your Petitioners humbly represent our daily feares and distractions, arising from the desperate plots, and the malignant party of this Kingdome, and from the certaine reports, of the most barbarous and bloody practices of the Rebels of Ireland, by whose prevailing, and the small provision that is made for their suppressing, and securing of this Kingdome against the like attempts; The said parties much emboldned, your Petitioners feares augmented, their common commerces and Trading abated, and the publicke safety of the Kingdome endangered.

It is therefore the humble desire of your Petitioners, that some course may be taken, as to suppress those Rebels in Ireland, so to put this Kingdome in such a posture of defence, as the present condition thereof requireth, and that it may please you in our behalfe, to be a meanes to the Kings most excellent Majestie, with the House of Peeres, to perfect your indeavours by their Concurrence with you in the punishing of delinquents, and removing all those prejudices and grievances, in Church and Commonwealth, with the causes and causers of the same.

*And your Petitioners shall incessantly pray unto Almighty God, for your prosperous and happy success, and will putt forth our best endeavours, to maintaine and defend the Kings most excellent Majesty, and high Court of Parliament, in their good endeavours and undertakings, for the comfortable and secure setting of Religion and Liberties against all malignant opposers what soever.*

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